



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.12.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CrI.O.P.No.23227 of 2021

1. Muthukumar @ Maruthamuthu ...Petitioners  
2. Muthuraj

Versus

The State Represented by ...Respondent  
The Inspector of Police,  
Civil Supply CID,  
Pollachi,  
Coimbatore District.  
(Crime No.296 of 2021)

**PRAYER:** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.296 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan  
Additional Public Prosecutor

### ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 6 (4) of TNSC (RDCS) Order 1982 r/w 7(i)(a)(ii) of EC Act 1955 in Crime No.296 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other accused persons were found in illegal possession of 2000 kgs of PDS rice. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioners, on their own volition, are ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Coimbatore. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioners along with other accused persons were found in illegal possession of 2000 kgs of PDS rice. He further submitted that the investigation is almost completed.

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5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the investigation is almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Coimbatore**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of the Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Coimbatore. within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[b] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] the petitioners are directed to report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders. .

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by



the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)  
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,  
NO.IV, COIMBATORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE  
COIMBATORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,  
CIVIL SUPPLY CID,  
POLLACHI,  
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

5 THE REGISTERED ADVOCATE CLERK ASSOCIATION,  
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. W.CAMYLES GANDHI Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.14044

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